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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ, : 23-cv-08313-RER-LB
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Plaintiff, :
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- versus - : U.S. Courthouse
: Brooklyn, New York
LESLIE DUNN, et al., :
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Defendants : 10:11 a.m.
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TRANSCRIPT OF CIVIL CAUSE FOR PRE-INITIAL
MOTION CONFERENCE
BEFORE THE HONORABLE LOIS BLOOM
UNITED STATES CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 THE CLERK: Civil Cause for Initial Conference,
2 docket number 23-cv-8313, *Rodriguez v. Dunn, et al.*

3 Will the parties please state their names for
4 the record?

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, your Honor.
6 Joshua Rodriguez, plaintiff.

7 MR. LAI: For the Office of Corporation
8 Counsel, the City of New York, Assistant Corporation
9 Counsel Thomas Lai.

10 MR. MILLER: And Alfred Miller, Jr. also on
11 behalf of the City of New York. Good morning, your
12 Honor.

13 THE CLERK: The Honorable Lois Bloom presiding.

14 THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr.
15 Lai, and Mr. Miller. I hope everybody is well.

16 This is a conference in your civil rights case.
17 I'm not calling it the initial conference, Mr. Rodriguez,
18 because we haven't even gotten them to respond to the
19 complaint yet. So part of the reason why I wanted to
20 have the conference is I can tell from reading your
21 complaint that you're going through a lot and I can tell
22 this is about your most important thing which is your
23 relationship with your daughter. So I'm sorry for
24 everything that's going on. I can't change ACS. I can't
25 change what's going on. You wanted to be heard. Go

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1 ahead.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It's based on defamation of
3 character, not pain and suffering. One second. These
4 are things you don't do to people. I wouldn't go as far
5 as making attempts that I did. I've made a lot of
6 chances of trying to fight for my child for her safety
7 and it seems like ACS doesn't care about children
8 nowadays due to the complaint and a lot of things that
9 I've seen of doing research on, ACS removing children
10 from people and not having a full claim of doing the
11 actual emergency removal with children.

12 It's been four years. I asked for help. I'm
13 not getting any help. I said I didn't want to take it
14 this far. It's only one way they'll listen. And I said
15 I have to make some complaints on them because they keep
16 making stuff up.

17 I've requested records in the past and there's
18 a lot behind it. I've tried my best to deal with them
19 and there's things you don't do to people and I'm hurt a
20 lot behind it. I missed out on a lot of time with my
21 child. My child's been (indiscernible) problems. I
22 can't ask for their help because they're not here to help
23 me. They're here to help the mother on behalf of a past
24 case that I can't enclose on, I can't disclose about it
25 right now.

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1 So it's hurt, I'm hurt, and this is the reason
2 what brings me here.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Rodriguez, I understand what
4 you're saying to me. I can't even imagine how difficult
5 this situation is.

6 Look, I'm going to be very straight with you.
7 What's left in this case is not about your daughter and
8 ACS, it's about this Leslie Dunn, one person, and
9 Detective Savage, one person. It's not about the whole
10 situation. And I do hear your pain. I do. And I
11 understand that, you know, it's your child and that you
12 feel you're losing out and losing all this time.

13 What I will say is ACS as an agency, yes,
14 you're right, they're damned if they do and they're
15 damned if they don't. If they don't take the child and
16 the child ends up being harmed, they're on the front page
17 of the New York Post.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I see.

19 THE COURT: And if they do take the child, then
20 of course a parent, both parents -- you know again,
21 sounds like you have a terrible situation. I am not
22 going to try to minimize your situation or I can't roll
23 back the clock and go back to the point in time that you
24 and the mother of the child started having these
25 difficulties because there's a whole lot. It's not just

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1 what you're bringing here. So I'm trying to be real with
2 you here to say the only thing that's going forward in
3 this court is your case against Leslie Dunn and your case
4 against Savage who you say punch to you.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No --

6 THE COURT: The other way around?

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

8 THE COURT: Dunn punched you?

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Vice versa. Yeah.

10 THE COURT: And Dunn's a woman, right?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. They're both women.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Detective Savage is a female as
14 well.

15 THE COURT: I didn't know that.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

17 THE COURT: And so I just want you --

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Just to clarify.

19 THE COURT: I just want you to be clear on
20 what's going forward because I do hear your pain and I
21 know it's real that you want your child to be well and
22 you want to have a good relationship with your child and
23 you want me to fix this situation. As you said, you
24 wouldn't have brought it to court. Somebody needs to
25 make it stop. But I don't have that power, sir. The

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1 Court doesn't have that power. It's not the family
2 court. I'm not the one who gets to say what the
3 visitation, custody situation is going to be between you
4 and the mother of the child. And so I want to be real
5 with you so that you understand that. Okay?

6 The reason why I called today's conference is
7 because they were asking for me to force you, compel you
8 to sign a 160.50 release which means that any of the
9 cases that were dismissed against you that they can get
10 the records for it. And whereas I understand you have no
11 trust and no love for any of these defendants, sometimes
12 for the city to be able to respond to a complaint that's
13 been filed against somebody who works for a city agency,
14 they need to see the underlying records and you need to
15 see the underlying records because otherwise you won't
16 know exactly what led to the situation that brings you to
17 court.

18 But I didn't want to just put out an order
19 directing you to do something without giving you the
20 chance to be in court today because I do understand this
21 is from your heart. This is not something you're making
22 are. This is real. This is going on for you. And I
23 feel for you, sir. But I want you to understand even if
24 I feel for you as a parent and as a person in the world,
25 I can't fix the ACS.

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1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I know.

2 THE COURT: I want you to be clear. Okay? And
3 as much as -- your child is now 12 it looks like, right?

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: 11.

5 THE COURT: 11. And I don't know how to fix or
6 make up for time you've lost with the child. There is no
7 court, there's no amount of money.

8 You still are with your mom, right? Your mom's
9 involved in this somehow? No, it's her mom? The
10 grandmother on the other side?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, maternal grandmother.

12 THE COURT: Because you need some family
13 support here too, sir. This is too much for you to be
14 just going --

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have support. I have a great
16 family.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I come from a good home.

19 THE COURT: Okay, good.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. I'm just here to express
21 myself and let my knowledge and wisdom on --

22 THE COURT: Well, but I want you to be clear
23 about what you can fix and what you can't. When you say
24 defamation, and I hear you, but this is a federal court
25 and you're bringing a civil rights case. A civil rights

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1 case is not a defamation case. Again, I do understand
2 that they put you on a registry but you got yourself off
3 the registry. So I have little bits and pieces of what
4 you're talking about.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mm hm.

6 THE COURT: But I need you to be clear what can
7 and can't happen here because you're only bringing the
8 case, everything else has been dismissed by the district
9 judge here, you're only bringing the case against Leslie
10 Dunn and Detective Savage.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

12 THE COURT: That's it.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, based on the arrest.

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

16 THE COURT: But I want you to know it's not
17 going to fix the whole situation with ACS.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, no, no. I'm just here
19 to --

20 THE COURT: I understand. You're standing up
21 for yourself because you don't believe they're doing what
22 is right and that they violated your constitutional
23 rights.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

25 THE COURT: But one punch by Dunn --

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1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

2 THE COURT: -- that's what this is about, that
3 she punched you --

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: My stomach, yes.

5 THE COURT: Yes. And then the Detective
6 Savage, it's about an arrest that ended up being
7 dismissed.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

9 THE COURT: That's what the case is about.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

11 THE COURT: So could I hear, Mr. Lai, why you
12 think you need these 160.50 releases? Because I'm not
13 sure you need them for both of these cases.

14 MR. LAI: Yes.

15 THE COURT: You stand when you address the
16 Court. Thank you.

17 MR. LAI: Yes, your Honor. Right now the city
18 needs the records, the 160.50 releases to access
19 plaintiff's arrest records. As --

20 THE COURT: You don't get a blank check to get
21 all of his arrest records. This is specific to, you
22 know, when he says he was arrested. So it appears to
23 relate to the January 5, 2021 arrest. I think that's
24 what this relates to.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

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1 THE COURT: I don't know why you would ask for
2 releases for any other dates. There was an 8/13/2021
3 where ACS withdrew a neglect proceeding in family court.
4 And on September 10, 2021 in the SVU case, that case was
5 withdrawn for insufficient evidence.

6 And so I think that that 9/10/2021 might have
7 related to the 1/5/2021 arrest.

8 MR. LAI: Yes.

9 THE COURT: So that's the only one that I would
10 see that in order to respond -- because you believe that
11 was Detective Savage involved in that arrest?

12 MR. LAI: She was, yes. That's who made the
13 arrest.

14 THE COURT: So when you're asking for 160.50
15 releases, I don't know how many times Mr. Rodriguez has
16 been arrested, but that's none of my business. This is
17 about a particular case. And if you're asking for
18 somebody to sign something to release their records when
19 the law protects their records because the charges were
20 dismissed against them, you can understand how he would
21 be a little bit reluctant to want to sign something
22 especially if you're asking for more than the arrest that
23 is at hand.

24 MR. LAI: Your Honor, I believe that I
25 specifically, in my communications with the plaintiff,

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1 that I referenced the January 5th arrest and then the end
2 of --

3 THE COURT: You asked for two separate arrest
4 releases.

5 MR. LAI: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Why?

7 MR. LAI: Because there's the January 5th
8 arrest that's referenced in the complaint and at the end
9 of the complaint he then thereafter references a prior
10 arrest from a couple of months ago and I don't know what
11 the significance is of that prior arrest.

12 THE COURT: But if it's not part of what his
13 complaint has alleged against either of these two
14 defendants, then we're not necessarily going to have to
15 delve into the facts of that arrest. If there were
16 allegations against these two defendants regarding that
17 arrest, so show me where it is in his complaint.

18 I do see that, "Also note NYPD also made a
19 previous arrest three to four months on domestic
20 violence, harassment before the SVU case wherein I
21 surrendered and I was released through the back door of
22 the Manhattan courthouse as that case was declined
23 prosecution." Is that what you're talking about?

24 MR. LAI: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: But if that doesn't relate to

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1 Savage and that doesn't relate to Dunne, then we don't
2 have anything to do with that.

3 MR. LAI: I understand. Based on plaintiff's
4 complaint, that's not clear to me at this time.

5 THE COURT: Again, I'm not going to -- Mr. Lai,
6 I don't think I've ever had you before me, so you might
7 be new in the office. Especially when it's a pro se
8 litigant who's going through a whole lot with a city
9 agency, I'm not going to force him to sign releases for
10 more than what is at issue in the pled complaint I have,
11 not in what could become a new part of the complaint.
12 But he's telling me that he also made -- that there was a
13 previous arrest and that he was let out a back door. I
14 don't know when that happened. I don't know who did
15 that. I'm not releasing records on the basis of that
16 sort of statement.

17 MR. LAI: I understand, your Honor. My point,
18 and I think that I may be, not be able to, I'm not
19 communicating properly is I just wanted to see if
20 plaintiff would be able to clarify whether he's alleging
21 that that arrest pertained to Dunn and Savage.

22 THE COURT: Did it?

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.

24 MR. LAI: Okay. Sorry.

25 THE COURT: So then we have the answer.

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1 MR. LAI: Thank you.

2 THE COURT: But Mr. Lai, I'm not trying to
3 castigate you in any way. I'm just trying to say, and
4 Mr. Rodriguez you have to hear this, Mr. Lai is not part
5 of any of the things that are going on for you. He
6 represents the defendants. That's his job. He's part of
7 the Office of the Corporation Counsel, but he has not
8 made any of these events happen for you. So he'll treat
9 you with dignity and respect and you treat him with
10 dignity and respect.

11 And again, he's just trying to do his job. He
12 probably has, I'll take a guess, 40 cases that he's
13 working on at any one time. You're one of them. He
14 doesn't want to get in trouble with the Court so he's
15 trying to do the job to the best of his ability. But he
16 is not part of what you're alleging is going on with ACS
17 even though he may represent Detective Savage, what a
18 name for a detective, and Dunn. Okay? Do you understand
19 that, sir?

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I understand.

21 THE COURT: Okay. So did you bring a release
22 for the other date, the date that he was arrested that is
23 at issue in this complaint, the 1/5/2021 arrest?

24 MR. LAI: Because it's sealed, I don't have
25 access to the independent arrest information but I do

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1 have a blank release where we can complete it and
2 indicate that it's for that arrest.

3 THE COURT: So this is the problem, Mr.
4 Rodriguez. Before we get the records, they're not going
5 to be able to respond to the complaint because they don't
6 have access because they're sealed.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

8 THE COURT: And if you unseal them, it will
9 only be for the purpose of this litigation. You'll get
10 copies of what they get and they will also then be able
11 to respond to the case. Do you understand?

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I understand.

13 THE COURT: So in past, sir, Mr. Lai, we have
14 been able to get docket numbers at least to put on
15 releases even though you may not have everything else.
16 So I don't really understand why -- there usually is a
17 booking number. Maybe you don't have everything but it's
18 not a completely blank release. And especially when I'm
19 telling Mr. Rodriguez that I am interested in him
20 releasing these records so that I don't have to force him
21 to release them, I want him to be able to trust that
22 we're going to abide by, you know, the narrow claims that
23 he's making.

24 MR. LAI: I actually have the docket number if
25 you want me to say it on the record.

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1 THE COURT: Oh, that's good. So what I would
2 like to do is after this conference is over, my law clerk
3 is a notary so she could notarize this unless Mr. Miller
4 is also a notary.

5 MR. MILLER: No, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Okay. So generally releases need
7 to be notarized. I will have them -- do they have an
8 email address for you, sir?

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, they have my emails, yeah,
10 both of them.

11 THE COURT: Okay. So after they get back to
12 the office, I'll have them send you a copy of your
13 release that you've notarized so you'll have a copy for
14 your records.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

16 THE COURT: It doesn't get filed with the
17 Court. They then file that with the state court. And
18 then they get access to the records related to the
19 1/5/2021 arrest.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

21 THE COURT: Once they get those records,
22 they'll send you a copy of those records.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

24 THE COURT: Listen, anything they send you, you
25 may think there are things that are wrong with it. Keep

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1 one copy in pristine shape.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

3 THE COURT: Don't write all over it and circle
4 it --

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. No.

6 THE COURT: -- and put notes.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Right.

8 THE COURT: If you want to do that, make a
9 separate copy.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

11 THE COURT: And keep these papers, I know you
12 have a lot of other papers because you gave us a lot of
13 these papers, the keep these papers about what has been
14 filed in this action separate so that you have a court
15 file that you're creating for yourself. Okay?

16 And I do want you to understand you're not the
17 only person I've ever had who has a child that is in a
18 storm of ACS and you and the mother have not seen eye to
19 eye for some time it looks like. And so it's one or both
20 of you feuding with, as I say, the child is in the
21 crossfire. And all I can say to you is do your best to
22 stay out of that crossfire.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

24 THE COURT: And that will in some instances
25 calm things down. You go to family court but you don't

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1 try to get the mother and the mother doesn't try to get
2 you.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

4 THE COURT: You understand what I'm saying?
5 All this about Hennessey and guns and all of the
6 allegations in the complaint, it's you trying to hurt the
7 mother, the mother trying to hurt you. Who gets hurt?
8 The child.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, (indiscernible).

10 THE COURT: Okay? And I'm not trying to say I
11 know better because I don't know that you're trying to
12 hurt anybody, but I have in my time seen a lot of cases
13 where ACS, despite them doing what they think is the
14 best, it is the child that really ends up suffering.

15 So to the extent that you're willing to listen
16 to me, try to stay in your own lane, doing well in
17 whatever your job is, do well in whatever your family
18 life is, and your child will come back to you that way.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I know.

20 THE COURT: Okay? So other than getting the
21 160.50 release for that January 5, 2021 arrest, was there
22 anything else we could accomplish here today? Because
23 what I want is for you to be able to answer. Are you
24 going to be able to accept service for Dunn?

25 MR. LAI: No. Wait --

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1 THE COURT: Savage has been served and his
2 answer is due today.

3 MR. LAI: Yeah. Assuming that plaintiff
4 completes the release for the arrest records, I'd be
5 requesting 60 days to ensure that I have enough time to
6 get the records and to coordinate meeting with Dunn who
7 I've already reached out to and spoken to to answer --

8 THE COURT: Mr. Lai?

9 MR. LAI: Yes?

10 THE COURT: It's not going to happen that you
11 get 60 days.

12 MR. LAI: Okay.

13 THE COURT: Do you know how much time you get
14 on a civil summons in federal court?

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: 21?

16 THE COURT: 20 days. That's what you get on a
17 civil summons. Why would I be giving somebody three
18 times as much time? Okay? You have your burden. I
19 understand that. It's not easy to get records. I get
20 it. And I will stay the answer of Savage. But I want
21 Dunn and Savage to respond and I don't know whether or
22 not we have an address for Dunn to serve or whether that
23 has happened. Let me see. Summonses were reissued for
24 the defendants on March 7th. On March 20th, the summons
25 was returned executed for Savage which means the answer

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1 is due today. I'll take your oral motion to stay that,
2 but I want Dunn, who also was served, because we got an
3 extension of time to provide service addresses at
4 February 21, 2024. That was your request in February.
5 And then we reissued the summonses on March 7th to the
6 addresses you provided.

7 MR. LAI: Yes. One moment, your Honor.

8 (Pause in proceedings)

9 MR. LAI: Your Honor, we provided the address
10 for Leslie Dunn on Docket entry 21 on March 4, 2024. And
11 although the docket does not indicate that Dunn was
12 served, upon information and belief, we believe she was.

13 THE COURT: Okay. So what I want you to do is
14 I want you to go ahead and get these records. I'll give
15 you 30 days from tomorrow to respond on behalf of both
16 defendants now that we've served both defendants.

17 So just for your information, Mr. Rodriguez, so
18 the city represents police officers, correction officers,
19 the ACS workers even though there are no ACS workers in
20 this suit at this point in time. But it's required under
21 the federal rules that somebody be served with the
22 summons and complaint which was done for you by the
23 United States Marshals because you were granted in forma
24 pauperis.

25 But at first we didn't have the right

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1 addresses. That's why the Court ordered them to give us
2 addresses. We got one of them served. Now I'm informed
3 that both of them have been served, so I'm setting the
4 time for them to respond to the complaint and I'm setting
5 it from tomorrow which would give them enough time to get
6 these records.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

8 THE COURT: Okay? So tomorrow is the 10th.
9 I'm looking at May 10th is a Friday. Perfect. So you'll
10 have until May 10th to respond on behalf of both
11 defendants.

12 MR. LAI: Your Honor, if I may? I just -- I'd
13 like to respectfully request just 45 days the issue being
14 that I did reach out to Detective Savage who is retired
15 and due to personal issues I might have difficulties
16 scheduling the representation --

17 THE COURT: I'll give you one more week till
18 the 17th. If they don't want you to represent them, they
19 have to represent themselves or they default. Again,
20 they're still on the payroll. They still get, you
21 know -- it could be a phone conversation. They don't
22 have to come in. I'll give you till the 17th to respond
23 on behalf of both of the defendants. And by that time
24 you'll have gotten the underlying file and you'll Bates
25 stamp it and give a copy to Mr. Rodriguez.

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1 And as I said, when you get back to your
2 office, you'll send him a scanned copy of the release
3 that he's going to sign today after I come off the bench.
4 Okay?

5 MR. LAI: Thank you, your Honor. I'd just like
6 to clarify it was I had made the request due to personal
7 issues that I became aware of when I spoke to Detective
8 Savage. It wasn't --

9 THE COURT: Because he's retired.

10 MR. LAI: Retired and there was scheduling
11 issues that I anticipated and I encountered and I'm
12 working through right now.

13 THE COURT: Okay. But Mr. Lai, I want you to
14 hear me. Just because you represent city employees who
15 frequently are police officers, the federal law provides
16 for 20 days after a summons is served to respond. I have
17 given you more than that 20 days.

18 MR. LAI: Yes.

19 THE COURT: I want you to hear it. 60 days
20 should not be the norm that the Corp. Counsel is asking
21 for. Your office always asks for 60 days no matter what
22 the situation is. And this is a case that was brought in
23 November of 2023. I understand we're just getting it
24 back on track today. But I'm not interested in just
25 giving extensions of time. And how many extensions of

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1 time requests do you think I get every day?

2 MR. LAI: Yeah.

3 THE COURT: And how many are from your office?

4 MR. LAI: I understand, your Honor. Thank you.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you very much. Okay.

6 So I'm giving you till the 17th to respond. This again
7 is not the initial conference.

8 Mr. Rodriguez, have you gotten the manual from
9 the court on how to conduct discovery? There's a manual
10 that if you weren't sent it, I'll get you to pick one up
11 today on your way out. Did you get it?

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No.

13 THE COURT: So when you go down to the court
14 clerk's office on the first floor, it has a yellow cover
15 now, but it's a big book.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

17 THE COURT: And there's a whole chapter in it
18 about how to conduct discovery.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

20 THE COURT: I want you to focus though. This
21 is about a punch and this is about an arrest that the
22 charges were dismissed and they declined prosecution.
23 It's not about everything else that's going on in your
24 life.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I know.

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1 THE COURT: And I can't solve everything else.
2 To the best of my ability, I told you what I think that
3 you need, to just stay clear and let things calm down and
4 let the family court handle things.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Because unfortunately, the more
7 that you try it sounds like the deeper you're going into,
8 you know --

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The hole.

10 THE COURT: The hole or the web. I don't know
11 which one. But you're getting stuck, right?

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. I'm seeing nothing
13 happen.

14 THE COURT: But again, if you have a family
15 that's supportive of you, stay with them.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

17 THE COURT: Your daughter will come back to
18 you.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I know for sure.

20 THE COURT: Okay. So the 17th they're going to
21 respond. Once they respond, I'll set an initial
22 conference so that we can talk about discovery. I'll
23 have my law clerk notarize your release today. I'll also
24 have them send you a copy of that release. And if you go
25 down and you go to the clerk's office on the first floor,

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1 we'll call ahead, and they'll give you a copy of the
2 manual. Okay?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Yes.

4 THE COURT: Is there anything else today, Mr.
5 Rodriguez, before we adjourn?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, that will be all.

7 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Lai or Mr.
8 Miller>

9 MR. LAI: One moment, your Honor. Nothing
10 further, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Then thank you very much. This
12 matter is adjourned and I'll set -- yes, Mr. --

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sorry. Would you want the
14 docket number on record or --

15 THE COURT: It's going to go on the form that
16 you are going to sign with Mr. Lai --

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

18 THE COURT: -- so I don't need it. But he'll
19 need it on that form, sir. Thank you for asking. Okay.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

21 THE COURT: And with that we're adjourned.
22 Thank you.

23 (Matter concluded)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, MARY GRECO, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the said proceedings is a true and accurate transcript from the electronic sound-recording of the proceedings reduced to typewriting in the above-entitled matter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee or attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor a relative or employee of such attorney or counsel, or financially interested directly or indirectly in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May, 2024.



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